

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Our national media is already too consolidated into too few major companies. (I already distrust our major news distributors.)

In this case, I'm afraid, the free market alone cannot protect a diversity of viewpoints without regulatory help. Everyday Americans will not benefit at all from further consolidation.